

# Stochastic Processes

## Midterm solution

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### Question 1:

1. If A and B are independent events, prove that  $A^c$  and  $B^c$  are independent.

$$\begin{aligned}P(A^c \cap B^c) &= P(A \cup B)^c = 1 - P(A \cup B) \\ \text{But } P(A \cup B) &= P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B) \\ \text{Then } P(A^c \cap B^c) &= 1 - (P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)) \\ \text{But A and B are independent} \\ P(A \cap B) &= P(A)P(B) \\ \text{Then } P(A^c \cap B^c) &= 1 - (P(A) + P(B) - P(A)P(B)) \\ P(A^c \cap B^c) &= (1 - P(A)) - P(B) + P(A)P(B) \\ P(A^c \cap B^c) &= (1 - P(A)) - P(B)(1 - P(A)) \\ P(A^c \cap B^c) &= P(A^c) - P(B)P(A^c) \\ P(A^c \cap B^c) &= P(A^c)(1 - P(B)) \\ P(A^c \cap B^c) &= P(A^c)P(B^c) \\ \text{Then } A^c \text{ and } B^c &\text{ are independent.}\end{aligned}$$

2. Let A and B be events with  $P(A) = 1/2$ ,  $P(B) = 1/3$ ,  $P(A \cap B) = 1/4$ .

Find :  $P(A|B)$   $P(B|A)$   $P(A \cup B)$   $P(A^c|B^c)$   $P(B^c|A^c)$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{i)} \quad P(A|B) &= P(A \cap B)/P(B) \\ &= (1/4) / (1/3) \\ &= 3/4 \\ \text{-----} \\ \text{ii)} \quad P(B|A) &= P(A \cap B)/P(A) \\ &= (1/4) / (1/2) \\ &= 1/2 \\ \text{-----} \\ \text{iii)} \quad P(A \cup B) &= P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B) \\ &= (1/2) + (1/3) - (1/4) \\ &= 7/12 \\ \text{-----} \\ \text{iv)} \quad P(A^c|B^c) &= P(A^c \cap B^c)/P(B^c) \\ &= P(A \cup B)^c / P(B^c) \\ &= (1 - P(A \cup B)) / (1 - P(B)) \\ &= (1 - (7/12)) / (1 - (1/3)) \\ &= 5/8 \\ \text{-----} \\ \text{iv)} \quad P(B^c|A^c) &= P(A^c \cap B^c)/P(A^c) \\ &= P(A \cup B)^c / P(A^c) \\ &= (1 - P(A \cup B)) / (1 - P(A)) \\ &= (1 - (7/12)) / (1 - (1/2)) \\ &= 5/6\end{aligned}$$

3. If  $x$  is a continuous random variable with the probability

$$P(x) = Kx \quad 0 \leq x \leq 2 \text{ and zero elsewhere.}$$

Find the cumulative distribution function, mean, variance and standard deviation.

- Value of  $K$ :

$P(x)$  is a distribution function

$$\text{then } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(x) = 1$$

$$\int_0^2 Kx = 1$$

$$\left. \frac{K}{2} x^2 \right|_0^2 = 1$$

$$\frac{K}{2} 2^2 = 1$$

$$K = 1/2$$

- Then  $P(x) = x/2$
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- Cumulative distribution function

$$\text{for } -\infty < x \leq 0 \quad F(x) = 0$$

$$\text{for } 0 \leq x \leq 2 \quad F(x) = \int_0^x \frac{1}{2} x$$

$$F(x) = \frac{1}{4} x^2$$

$$\text{for } 2 \leq x < \infty \quad F(x) = 1$$


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- Mean

$$\mu = E(x)$$

$$\mu = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x P(x)$$

$$\mu = \int_0^2 \frac{1}{2} x^2$$

$$\mu = \left. \frac{1}{6} x^3 \right|_0^2$$

$$\mu = \frac{1}{6} 2^3$$

$$\mu = \frac{4}{3} = 1.333$$


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- Variance

$$\text{var}(x) = E(x^2) - \mu^2$$

$$\text{var}(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 P(x) - \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^2$$

$$\text{var}(x) = \int_0^2 \frac{1}{2} x^3 - \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^2$$

$$\text{var}(x) = \left. \frac{1}{8} x^4 \right|_0^2 - \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^2$$

$$\text{var}(x) = \frac{1}{8} 2^4 - \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^2$$

$$\text{var}(x) = 2 - \frac{16}{9}$$

$$\text{var}(x) = \frac{2}{9} = 0.222$$

- Standard deviation  $\sigma$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\text{var}(x)} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{9}} = 0.471$$

4. Given a and b are constants, Find with prove

$$E(a) = ?$$

$$\text{Var}(aX + b) = ?$$

where X is a continuous random variable

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i)} \quad E(a) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} a P(X) \\ E(a) &= a \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(X) \quad \text{But } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(X) = 1 \\ E(a) &= a \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ii)} \quad \text{Var}(aX + b) &= \text{Var}(aX) + \text{Var}(b) \\ \text{But } \text{Var}(b) &= 0 \\ \text{and } \text{Var}(aX) &= a^2 \text{Var}(X) \\ \text{Then } \text{Var}(aX + b) &= a^2 \text{Var}(X) \end{aligned}$$

### Question 2:

1. Three light bulbs are chosen at random from 20 bulbs of which 5 are defective.  
Find probability that:

- i- exactly one is defective,    ii- none is defective  
iii- at least one is defective    iv- at most one is defective.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i) exactly one is defective} \\ P(1d) &= P(1;3;5/20) \\ &= C_1^3 \left(\frac{5}{20}\right)^1 \left(\frac{15}{20}\right)^2 \\ &= \frac{27}{64} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ii) none is defective} \\ P(0d) &= P(0;3;5/20) \\ &= C_0^3 \left(\frac{5}{20}\right)^0 \left(\frac{15}{20}\right)^3 \\ &= \frac{27}{64} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{iii) at least one is defective (E1)} \\ P(E1) &= P(1d) + P(2d) + P(3d) \\ &= 1 - P(0d) \\ &= 1 - \frac{27}{64} \\ &= \frac{37}{64} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{iv) at most one is defective (E2)} \\ P(E2) &= P(0d) + P(1d) \\ &= \frac{27}{64} + \frac{27}{64} \\ &= \frac{54}{64} \end{aligned}$$

2. Let X be a continuous random variable with distribution:

$$f(x) = K(2-x) \quad 0 \leq x \leq 2 \text{ and zero elsewhere}$$

Sketch the graph of f(x) and

i- Evaluate K

ii- Find  $P(1 \leq x \leq 2)$

➤ Value of K:

P(x) is a distribution function

then  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(x) = 1$

$$\int_0^2 K(2-x) = 1$$

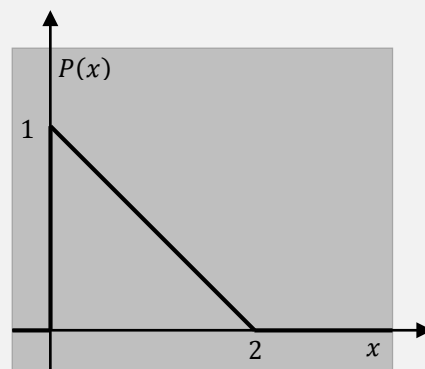
$$-\frac{K}{2}(2-x)^2 \Big|_0^2 = 1$$

$$\frac{K}{2}(2-x)^2 \Big|_2^0 = 1$$

$$\frac{K}{2}(2-0)^2 = 1$$

$$K = 1/2$$

Then  $P(x) = (2-x)/2$



➤  $P(1 \leq x \leq 2)$

$$P(1 \leq x \leq 2) = \int_1^2 \frac{1}{2}(2-x)$$

$$P(1 \leq x \leq 2) = -\frac{1}{4}(2-x)^2 \Big|_1^2$$

$$P(1 \leq x \leq 2) = \frac{1}{4}(2-1)^2$$

$$P(1 \leq x \leq 2) = \frac{1}{4}$$

3. Let X be a random variable with the binomial  $P(k;n,p)$

Prove  $E(X) = np$ .

$$P(x) = P(k;n,p) \quad \text{and } q = 1 - p$$

$$= \binom{n}{k} (p)^k (q)^{n-k}$$

$$E(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n k \binom{n}{k} (p)^k (q)^{n-k}$$

$$E(x) = (0) \binom{n}{0} (p)^0 (q)^{n-0} + \sum_{k=1}^n k \binom{n}{k} (p)^k (q)^{n-k}$$

$$E(x) = \sum_{k=1}^n k \frac{n}{k} \binom{n-1}{k-1} (p)^k (q)^{n-k}$$

$$E(x) = np \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n-1}{k-1} (p)^{(k-1)} (q)^{(n-1)-(k-1)}$$

Let  $S = n - 1, M = k - 1$

when k changes from 1 to n

then M changes from 0 to n-1

then M changes from 0 to S

Then  $E(x) = np \sum_{M=0}^S \binom{S}{M} (p)^M (q)^{S-M}$

$$E(x) = np(p+q)^S$$

$$E(x) = np(1)^S$$

Then  $E(x) = np$

4. A fair die is tossed. Let X denotes twice the number appearing, and let Y denote 1 or 2 according as an odd or an even number appears. Find the probability, expectation, variance and standard deviation of X,Y

i) For X denotes twice the number appearing die has values that appear from 1 to 6  
So X changes from 2 to 12  
and for example when  $X = 6$  then 3 appears

- The Probability of X

X	2	4	6	8	10	12
P(X)	1/6	1/6	1/6	1/6	1/6	1/6

- Expectation  $E(X)$

$$E(X) = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} XP(X)$$

$$E(X) = 7$$

- Variance  $\text{Var}(X)$

$$\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - (E(X))^2$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} X^2 P(X) - (7)^2$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \frac{182}{3} - (7)^2$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \frac{35}{3} = 11.667$$

- Standard deviation  $\sigma$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\text{Var}(X)} = 3.42$$

ii) For Y denote 1 or 2 according as an odd or an even number appears

die has values that appear from 1 to 6

So when  $Y = 1$  then 1,3,5 appear

when  $Y = 2$  then 2,4,6 appear

- The Probability of Y

Y	1	2
P(Y)	1/2	1/2

- Expectation  $E(Y)$

$$E(Y) = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} YP(Y)$$

$$E(Y) = \frac{3}{2} = 1.5$$

- Variance  $\text{Var}(Y)$

$$\text{Var}(Y) = E(Y^2) - (E(Y))^2$$

$$\text{Var}(Y) = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} Y^2 P(Y) - (1.5)^2$$

$$\text{Var}(Y) = \frac{5}{2} - (1.5)^2$$

$$\text{Var}(Y) = \frac{1}{4} = 0.25$$

- Standard deviation  $\sigma$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\text{Var}(Y)} = 0.5$$